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The Review of the publick Buildings and Ornaments of London *and* Weſtminſter, *continued.*

I Am exceedingly pleas'd with the Frontry of the firſt Court of *Somerſet-Houſe* next the *Strand*, as it affords us a View of the firſt Dawning of Taſte in *England:* This being the only Fabrick, that I know of, which deviates ever ſo little from the *Gothique*, or imitates ever ſo remotely the Manner of the Antients: Here are Columns, Arches, and Cornice that appear to have ſome Meaning, and if Proportions are neglected, if Beauty is not perfectly underſtood, if there is a ſtrange Mixture of Barbariſm and Splendour in it, the Miſtakes admit of great Alleviations: In all Probability the Architect was an *Engliſhman*, and this his firſt Attempt to refine on his Predeceſſors: Perhaps he had not Opportunity to review the *Italian* Models, or form his Judgment on the Plans of the Antients: At all Events the *Duke*, who was at the Expence of this coſtly Undertaking, is to be applauded for ſetting this glorious Example of a Taſte, till then unknown in the Kingdom; for chuſing ſo charming a Situation, juſt in the Middle of the Bow, which the River forms between the *Bridge* and *Weſtminſter*, commanding the Proſpect both Ways, and looking direct on the fine Hills of *Surrey:* 'Tis not to be doubted but the new Front next the Gardens has greatly the Advantage of the old; nothing can be conceiv'd more in Taſte, or better calculated to anſwer the View from the Water, and yet even here we have the Mortification to ſee it left unfiniſh'd; tho' a Trifle more of Charge would make it perfect; I mean according to the Plan, on which 'twas originally deſign'd: For, if the moſt was to be made of the Situation, 'tis capable of Beauties, which very few others could allow. The Inequality of Ground, for Example, leaving room to ſhew the upper Story of the Court next the *Strand*, over the Top of that belonging to the Gardens; and what beautiful Uſe might be made of ſuch an Advantage, I leave to the underſtanding Architect to imagine.

To be ſure, 'tis very far from being an ill Compliment to the Nobility of thoſe Times, that ſo many of them had their Houſes by the *Thames-Side*, from the *Temple* to *Whitehall*; and, I muſt confeſs, it gives me a little Pain, that their Succeſſors did not think it proper, to continue their Reſidence on the ſame Spot: Nothing could have been a nobler Decoration to the Proſpect than a Range of magnificent Palaces, which by this Time, one might have reaſonably expected would have been improv'd into Taſte, and Magnificence.

York-Stairs is unqueſtionably the moſt perfect Piece of Building, that does Honour to the Name of *Inigo Jones:* 'Tis plann'd in ſo exquiſite a Taſte, form'd of ſuch equal and harmonious Parts, and adorn'd with ſuch proper and elegant Decorations, that nothing can be cenſured, or added. 'Tis, at once, happy in its Situation, beyond Compariſon, and fancied in a Stile exactly ſuited to that Situation. The *Rock-work*, or *Ruſtick*, can never be better introduc'd than in Buildings by the Side of Water; and indeed 'tis a great Queſtion with me, whether it ought to be made Uſe of any where elſe.

Northumberland-Houſe is very much in the *Gothique* Taſte, and, of Courſe, cannot be ſuppos'd very elegant, and beautiful; and yet there is a Grandeur and Majeſty in it that ſtrikes every Spectator with a Veneration for it: This is owing intirely to the Simplicity of its Parts, the Greatneſs of its Extent, and the romantick Air of the four Towers at the Angles. The Middle of the Front next the *Strand*, is certainly much more antient than any other Part of the Building, and, tho' finiſh'd in a very expenſive Manner, is a very mean and trifling Piece of Work. It may ſerve indeed to preſerve the Idea of the original Pile, and acquaint the Moderns with the Magnificence of their Fore-fathers; but then it breaks the Uniformity of the Whole, and might be ſpar'd with more Propriety, than continued.

I have taken no Notice of the two *Exchanges* in the *Strand*, one of them has nothing in it to be obſerv'd, and the other can only be obſerv'd to be deſpis'd.

The Statue at *Charing-Croſs*, has the Advantage of being well plac'd; the Pedeſtal is finely elevated, and the Horſe full of Fire and Spirit; but the Man is ill-deſign'd, and as tamely executed: There is nothing of Expreſſion in the Face, nor Character in the Figure, and, tho' it may be vulgarly admir'd, it ought to be generally condemn'd.

When I have ſtood at this Place, I have often regretted that ſome ſuch Opening as this had not been contriv'd to ſerve as a Centre, between the two Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and from whence, particularly the Cathedrals of St. *Paul's* and the *Abbey* might have been ſeen, as the Termination of the two Viſta's: I am of Opinion nothing in *Europe* would have had a finer Effect; but now 'tis impoſſible it ſhould ever take Place, and I mention it only by Way of Hint, that private Property is, generally ſpeaking, the only Bar to publick Ornament and Beauty.

The new *Admiralty* was erected on a Spot of Ground, which afforded the *Architect* room for all the Beauties his Imagination could ſuggeſt, and the Expence it was rais'd at, enabled him to execute all that Beauty in a grand, tho' ſimple Manner; how he has ſucceeded, the Building is a ſtanding Evidence; and very much concern'd I am to ſee a Pile of that Dignity and Importance, like to continue a laſting Reproach of our national Want of Taſte.

I muſt ingenuouſly confeſs that the Number of pretty little Boxes, that are built on the Ruins of *Whitehall*, make me no Satisfaction for the Loſs of that Palace; not that I believe it ever was a fine Structure, but becauſe it might have been ſo; becauſe no Piece of Ground, ſo near two great Cities, could afford a finer Situation; with ſo noble a River on one Side, and ſo beautiful a Park on the other: And becauſe *Inigo Jones's* Plan for rebuilding it is ſtill forth coming, and might be made Uſe of to erect a Structure, equal to the Situation.

The majeſtick Sample he has given of his Art in the *Banquetting-Houſe* is a continued Perſuaſive to incline us to wiſh for the reſt of that magnificent Pile, of which this was intended to be ſo inconſiderable a Part: To be ſure if ever this could be effected, *Britain* might boaſt of a Palace, which might excel even the proud *Verſailles*, and be as much viſited too, in Compliment to its ſuperior Taſte.

I cannot leave this Place without taking ſome Notice of the admirable Cieling, perform'd by *Rubens*, which is beyond Controverſy, one of the fineſt Things of the Kind in *Europe*. 'Tis, indeed, not ſo generally known as one could wiſh, but it needs only to be known to be eſteemed according to its Merit. In ſhort, it is but an ill Decoration for a Place of religious Worſhip; for, in the firſt Place, its Contents are no Ways a-kin to Devotion, and, in the next, the Workmanſhip is ſo very extraordinary, that a Man muſt have Abundance of Zeal, or no Taſte, that can attend to any Thing beſide.

As there is very little Probability that this Palace will ever be rebuilt, and thrown open to the *Park*, I can't help wiſhing that the Station of the Horſe Guards, and the adjoining military Apartments, were pull'd down, and others, in a more conſiſtent and regular Taſte, were erected in their Room: I am of Opinion that a Sketch might be made of a Structure, partly in the Stile of the Antients, and partly like Fortification, which would have an admirable Effect, and, at once be ſuitable to its Uſe, and ſerve as a noble Decoration of the Area before it. But this I ſubmit intirely to the Board of Works, as Perſons abundantly more concern'd in ſuch a Scheme than I.

Tho' the old *Gothique* Gate, which ſtands in the Middle of the Street, and oppoſite to *Whitehall*, is, without Doubt, a Sort of an Incumbrance to the Way, yet it has ſomething ſo venerable in its Figure, and has ſo fine an Effect on the Landſcape from the other Side of the *Park*, that I ſhould lament as much to ſee it pull'd down, as to ſee a worſe erected in its Room.

On a Kiſs. *Written at the Requeſt of a particular young Lady.*

ASSIST me Muſe with ſoft poetick Fire,
To ſatisfy a Virgin's fond Deſire.
Teach me for to obtain the rapt'rous Bliſs,
That's taſted in a ſweet and harmleſs Kiſs.
O Kiſs! more ſweeter than the Nectar's Juice,
What Mortal would thy Innocence refuſe?
Who would thy ſoft engaging Sweets deny,
And ſay that Nectar does with thee outvy?
O Kiſs! more ſweeter than the Lilly fair!
The fragrant Roſe cannot with thee compare.
The ſweet Carnation, nor the ſpicy Eaſt,
Is not more ſweeter than on thee to feaſt.
'Tis thee that animates the Soul and Mind;
In thee the ſweeteſt Pleaſure we do find.
Thou ſoft, endearing, precious, balmy Thing;
'Tis thou that mak'ſt our Life with Pleaſure ſpring.

RICHARD BIRCHELL, jun.

To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER.

SIR,

BY inſerting the Following in your next Journal, you will oblige ſeveral of your Readers, and in particular

Your conſtant Admirer,

Z. A.

The Ladies Frolick: *Or the* Spy in Armour. *A new Ballad.*

To that excellent old Tune of King John, and the Abbot of Canterbury.

LET the Smiles, and the Loves, and the Muſes draw nigh!
Never Bard had more Need of their Preſence than I;
Tho' my Readers will cry, ere my Ditty is out,
That *Byrom*, or *Swift*, had writ better without.
Derry down, &c.

One Evening, fatigu'd with a ſultry, hot Day,
Three Ladies, ſuppoſe them as blooming as *May*,
With Lips like Twin-Cherries, with Bubbies of Snow,
And all *Venus's* Charms both above, and below.
Derry down, &c.

Three Ladies, d'ye mark me! as frolic as fair,
And who own'd an arch Joke was their Taſte to a Hair,
Fatigu'd, as I ſaid, with the Warmth of the Weather,
Form'd a Project to bathe for Refreſhment together.
Derry down, &c.

Quoth *Celia*, the Scheme is delightful, my Dears;
'Tis Pity that Pleaſure's attended with Fears!
Suppoſe ſome rude Fellow ſhould cunningly hide
To pry in our Secrets —— betray them beſide! ——
Derry down, &c.

Thus *David* his Harp, and his Anthems laid by,
And on *Bathſheba* gaz'd with a *Satyr's* lewd Eye;
Thus *Suſannah* was teaz'd, as *old Hiſtories* tell us,
With the ſumbling Addreſs of two gray-bearded Fellows.
Derry down, &c.

My Dear, replies *Chloe*, the Stories you quote,
Should make us more fond of purſuing our Plot;
For all theſe Intruders were puniſh'd you read;
The *Elders* were baulk'd, and poor *David* was wed.
Derry down, &c.

Beſide, quoth young *Sophy*, our Tubs let us ſend
To the private Alcove at the Gallery End,
Where the * *Iron-Side Scare-Crow* of *Armour* ſo bright,
Like another *Don Quixot*, ſhall guard us to Night.
Derry down, &c.

The Parley thus ended, and all Things agreed,
With true female Impatience they long for the Deed.

* A compleat Suit of Armour plac'd there in the Manner of a Statue.

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'Tis Midnight; Sleep, Silence, and Secrecy reign,
And the Ladies now open their frolickſome Scene.
Derry down, &c.

But ſtay, gentle Reader! don't venture too nigh!
They trembie this Moment for fear of a Spy;
Remember *Acteon!* —— I need ſay no more
Since Women plant Horns as the Goddeſs of Yore.
Derry down, &c.

Why talk I of Women when Graces appear?
For ſuch both in Number, and Beauty they are;
As naked, as lovely, as ſmiling, as young ——
While Graces inſpire me, flow ſmoothly my Song!
Derry down, &c.

Ah Reader, my Fancy is roving aſtray;
So charming the Proſpect, ſo pleaſant the Way!
But, alas! the rude Waters in Envy conceal
What, with Rapture, the Muſe would be proud to reveal.
Derry down, &c.

Now like *Nereids* that wanton at Eaſe in their Caves,
Or a Groupe of young *Venuſes* ſprung from the Waves
The Frolick goes round, and by Turns they diſplay
Such Charms, as would quicken a Statue of Clay.
Derry down, &c.

Ev'n *Iron* grew ſoft at ſo tempting a Sight;
For, as *Sophy*'s hid Beauties turn'd up to the Light,
The *Mock Man at Arms*, with a Cavalier Grace,
Extended his Truncheon, to point to the Place.——
Derry down, &c.

Quoth *Sophy*, ſcarce able to credit her Eyes,
O my Dears I am ready to faint with Surprize!
The *Armour* has mov'd; as ye plainly may ſee,
And has pointed his Thing of a Truncheon at me.
Derry down, &c.

Indeed 'tis but Fancy, pert *Chloe* replies,
And Fear, like old *Satan*'s, the Father of Lies;
But, if he's ſo arch at preſenting at you,
I'll try his good Manners by changing the View.
Derry down, &c.

This ſaid, like the Picture of *Madam Cadiere*,
When the doating old *Father* ſaluted her Rear,
She wantonly turn'd her B——k S—— to his View,
In Contempt of his Truncheon, and all it could do.
Derry down, &c.

At this the *Knight-Errant* low-nodded his Head,
And kiſs'd his bright Gauntlet, as if he had ſaid,
Fair Lady! the Favour you mean me is ſuch,
That a Heart of tough Iron would melt at the Touch.
Derry down, &c.

O *Venus!* what Shrieks, and what Clamours aſcend!
O *Venus!* the Graces thy Offspring defend!
Such Wonders, ſuch Secrets the Wantons diſplay,
They have rais'd up a Devil, —— that either can lay.
Derry down, &c.

Awak'd, and allarm'd at the horrible Cries,
The *Maids*, and the *Footmen* unwillingly riſe;
Confounded with Terror, forgetting Decorum,
With only their Shirts, and their Smickets before 'em.
Derry down, &c.

From Stables, from Garrets, from Cloſets they fly,
And the Gallery's fill'd in the Glance of an Eye;
The Family Groupe by the Sound had been led,
With *Mamma*, and *Pappa*, half aſleep, at their Head.
Derry down, &c.

But inſtead of a Rape, or of Thieves, or of Flames,
Behold, in the Suds, the three beautiful Dames;
Who point to the *Armour*, and jointly exclaim
It had drawn forth his Weapon, and flouriſh'd at them.
Derry down, &c.

Loud Laughter enſues, at the whimſical Tale,
No Words can give Credit, no Oaths can prevail;
Confirm'd 'twas but Fancy, like *Adam*, and *Eve*,
All find themſelves naked, and haſte to take Leave.
Derry down, &c.

When the bold *Son* of *Mars*, with as ſolemn a Tread
As the Ghoſt of old *Hamlet*, or *Booth* in his Stead,
Deſcends from his Poſt, to convince them 'twas true,
And help the fair Ladies to dreſs them anew.
Derry down, &c.

But they, who were ſhockt at a *Valet in Arms*,
Or believ'd that their Cloaths only leſſen'd their Charms,
Never ſtaid for the Favour, but ſcamper'd away ——
Nay had rather gone naked forever, and Aye.
Derry down, &c.

Surpriz'd at ſo ſtrange, ſo unuſual a Sight
Of the Ladies in Buff, and the *Iron-Side Knight*,
Away fly the Servants, diſtracted with Fear,
And *Pappa*, and *Mamma*, hobble off in the Rear.
Derry down, &c.

The *Champion* diſarms, when the Battle is done,
And hangs up the *Trophy* of what he had won:
The *Armour* ſtill threats as it did long before,
But, unleſs for a *Joke*, *Damon* wears it no more.
Derry down, &c.

Dr. Swift *to a Friend, who aſked him which were his favourite Furniture.*

THE Furniture that beſt doth pleaſe
St. *Patrick*'s Dean, good Sir, are theſe;
The Knife and Fork, with which I eat,
And next the Pot that boils the Meat;
The next to be preferr'd, I think,
Is the Glaſs in which I drink;
The Shelves on which my Books I keep,
And the Bed in which I ſleep;
An antique Elbow Chair between,
Big enough to hold the Dean;
And the Stove that gives Delight,
In the cold bleak wintry Night;
To theſe we add a Thing below,
More for Uſe reſerv'd than Shew:
Theſe are what the Dean do pleaſe,
All ſuperfluous are but theſe.

SATURDAY, *Nov.* 24.

ON Wedneſday laſt came on a further Hearing of the Cauſe depending in the *Arches Court of Canterbury*, before the Right Worſhipful *John Bettesworth*, Doctor of Laws, Judge of the ſaid Court, between a certain noble Lord and Mrs. ——, who ſtiled herſelf the Right Honourable Baroneſs of ——, otherwiſe Mrs. ——, when the Judge was pleaſed to decree as follows: That for the future the Cauſe be ſet out by the Stile of *Ann Mead*; and directed, that the Excommunication (decreed againſt him) ſhould not go out till the next Court Day: The noble Lord was three Times call'd, when *Edward Greenly*, Eſq; his Lordſhip's Proctor, proteſted of the Grievance done to his Client; and ſaving the Reverence due to the Judge, inſtantly appealed, and pray'd Letters diſmiſſory: So now the Cauſe is to be heard before the Court of Delegates.

This Week the Princeſs Royal ſent Mr. *Duncan* with her Picture in Miniature to the Prince of *Orange* at *Somerſet-Houſe*.

The Nobility and Quality of both Sexes, who walk in the Proceſſion, are the ſame Evening to be permitted to paſs through the Bed-Chamber, to pay their Compliments to their Highneſſes, who will be ſitting up in Bed for that Purpoſe.

Mrs. *Hayes* is to be conducted out of the Kingdom, to *Calais* or *Boulogne*, by one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers.

On Thurſday the 25th of *October* laſt Mr. *Samuel Stevens*, Surveyor of the Cuſtoms at *Leigh* in *Eſſex*, with ſeveral other Officers, being on *Shoeburyneſs-Beach* in *Eſſex* about Eleven o'Clock at Night, in order to prevent the Landing a Cargo of which they heard were intended to be run, were there attack'd by *Thomas Hale*, *George Hill*, *William Edey*, and a Perſon call'd by the Name of *Doctor*, and others, to the Number of 14, or thereabouts, who abuſed and beat the ſaid *Stevens*, and *Jeremiah Hubbart*, a Boatman, in a violent and barbarous Manner, and robb'd them of their Arms. And the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, in order to diſcover *Thomas Hale*, the Ringleader of the ſaid Gang, offer'd a Reward of 20l. for apprehending him, which was publiſh'd by affixing up Advertiſements in thoſe Parts, which Advertiſements have been taken down by the ſaid *Hale* himſelf, who, with a Gang of upwards of 50 Smugglers, have paſs'd through ſeveral Pariſhes on Horſeback, arm'd with Piſtols, Swords and Blunderbuſſes, the ſaid *Hale* owning that he was the Offender for whom the Reward of 20l. was publiſh'd, and daring any Perſon to apprehend him; therefore the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms have now promis'd a Reward of 50l. each, (over and above all the other Rewards by Law) to be paid by the Receiver-General of the Cuſtoms, to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall apprehend the ſaid *Thomas Hale*, *John Hill*, and *William Edey*, or ſhall diſcover any of the reſt, ſo as that they be apprehended and convicted thereof.

Death. On Thurſday laſt died, at his Houſe at *Wandſworth*, *Samuel Beachcroft*, Eſq; one of the Nephews of the late Sir *Robert Beachcroft*, Knt. and Alderman of this City.

MONDAY, *Nov.* 26

Late laſt Night the Corps of her Grace the Dutcheſs of *Ormond* was interr'd in a private Manner in *Weſtminſter-Abbey*.

His Majeſty has been pleas'd to offer his gracious Pardon, and a Reward of 50l. to any Perſon who ſhall diſcover his Accomplices in pulling down *Over-Turnpike*, near *Glouceſter*, which was forcibly done the 1ſt of this Inſtant, between One and Two o'Clock in the Morning, by ſeveral Perſons arm'd with Swords, Piſtols, *&c.*

On Saturday laſt a Gentleman was taken up as he was floating on the Water by *London-Bridge*, by a Waterman: He had in his Pockets 20 Guineas, a Watch, and ſome Silver, and a Pocket-Book with Notes in it: It is thought he fell out of a Ship.

Late on Friday Night laſt ſome malicious Perſon ſet Fire to a great Pile of Wood that was erected at *Hammerſmith*, for a Bonfire on the Day of the Nuptials between the Princeſs Royal and the Prince of *Orange*, whereby it was conſumed to Aſhes in a little Time.

On the 14th and 21ſt of this Month the Collections made in the following Pariſhes, for promoting the good Deſigns of the Truſtees for eſtabliſhing the Colony of *Georgia* in *America*, were paid into the *Bank* of *England*, on Account of the ſaid Truſtees, which amounted in each Pariſh to the ſeveral Sums hereafter mention'd: To wit,

	l.	s.	d.
In the united Pariſhes of St. *Alban's Wood-ſtreet*,	15	5	0
And of St. *Olave Silver-ſtreet*,	3	8	6
	18	13	6
And in the Pariſh of St. *Andrew Undershaft*	62	4	0

The following Ships are put in Commiſſion, *viz.*

Ships Names	*Commanders*	*Men*	*Guns*
Princeſs Caroline,	Winder	520	80
Torbay,	Piercey	ditto	ditto
Cornwall,	Vanbrug	ditto	ditto
Lancaſter,	Coleman	ditto	ditto
Kent,	Robinſon	ditto	ditto
Ipſwich,	Hook	440	70
Lenox,	Garlington	ditto	ditto
Hampton-Court,	Michell	ditto	ditto
Revenge,	Trevor	ditto	ditto
Orford,	Ockman	ditto	ditto

Deaths. On Saturday about Five in the Afternoon died of the Small-Pox, at his Houſe in *Groſvenor-Square*, Sir *Charles Gounter-Nicoll*, Knight of the moſt Hon. Order of the *Bath*, Repreſentative in Parliament for the Town of *Peterborough*; deſcended of an antient Family, laſt ſituated at *Rackton* in the County of *Suſſex*: He has left Iſſue by his Lady *Elizabeth*, only Daughter of *William Blunden*, of *Baſingſtoke* in *Hampſhire*, Eſq; two Infant Daughters; one of which was born but a few Hours before Sir *Charles* died.

Bankrupt. Richard Smith, of *Newbury*, in the County of *Berks*, Barge-maſter and Chapman.

TUESDAY, *Nov.* 27.

The Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty have received Orders to ſend ſeveral Men of War forthwith to *Georgia* in *America*, to cruize there and at *Port-Royal*, in order to prevent any Attempt that ſhall be made by the *Spaniards* on the ſaid Colony.

Letters from *Chippenham* ſay, that the Corporation have had ſo much Feaſting and Drinking of late, that no Work was done for ſeveral Days; that Sir *John Eyles*, Bart. and his Son are Candidates for that Borough on the Court Intereſt, and *Rogers Holland*, Eſq; and Mr. *Long* on the Country Intereſt, Mr. *Rolt* having reſign'd his Intereſt to the latter.

All the ten Ships of War that were newly commiſſion'd (as above-mention'd) are now fitting out with all Expedition at *Portſmouth* and *Chatham*, moſt of them being already out of the Docks; and the Maſter Attendants of the ſeveral Yards are employ'd in fitting and rigging them for the Sea-Service as ſoon as poſſible.

It is written from *Alicant* the 14th Inſtant, N. S. that in the Evening preceding a large *Algerine* Settee of 14 Guns and ſeveral Pattereroes and 150 Men, landed in the Neighbourhood of *Alicant*, and carry'd off ſeveral of their Countrymen (who were Slaves) with them; and not content with their Succeſs, were ſo fool-hardy to ſtretch croſs the Bay in Sight of the *Spaniſh* Navy, on which three of the *Spaniſh* Row-Gallies, full of Men, were order'd after her, who, as it prov'd but little Wind, ſoon came up with and engag'd her. The *Algerines* made a brave Defence, inſomuch as to render the Succeſs doubtful, till two or three of the *Spaniſh* Men of War weigh'd their Anchors and were going to aſſiſt the Gallies, which ſo animated the Gallies, that they ventured nearer to the Settee, and after the Loſs of a great many Men they boarded, and ſoon took and brought her into *Alicant*.

On Sunday laſt a Letter was put under the Door of Mrs. *Nevil*, in *Leiceſter-ſtreet*, *Leiceſter-Fields*, next Door to the Speaker's, threatning to burn her Houſe, or murder her, if ſhe gave a certain Lady Trouble before her Huſband return'd from abroad; whereupon Mrs. *Nevil* has offer'd 20l. Reward for the Diſcovery of the Writer of the ſaid Letter. And,

A few Days ſince a Dealer in Coals near the *Seven Dials* receiv'd a Letter, threatning to ſet his Houſe on Fire, or kill him, if he did not leave 12 Guineas at a particular Place, mention'd in the Letter, which was wrote in *French*. ——If People once give Way to theſe Things, there will be no End of them; and if the Places were well watch'd where the Money is order'd to be laid, theſe Fellows will

soon be apprehended, as a Fellow was about a Year ago, and executed for the same Practice.

Ipswich, Nov. 17. Last Wednesday Se'nnight a very large Seizure was made near *Lowestoft*, on a Gang of Smugglers, by the King's Officers, assisted by some Dragoons; it was thought an Information was given of them, for they had no sooner loaded their Horses but the Officers came in View, at which the Smugglers threw away their Arms and surrender'd; the Seizure and Horses are computed at about 2000 l. The Smugglers missed one of their Companions, and afterwards found his Coat all bloody and full of Cutts, which made them believe he was kill'd and thrown into the Sea.

Preferment. The Rev. Mr. *Watson*, A. M. Curate of *Whitchurch* in *Salop*, and Chaplain to the Bishop of *Hereford*, is made one of the Prebendaries of the Cathedral of *Hereford*.

Marriage. On Sunday last Mr. *Lilly*, an eminent Apothecary in *Cheapside*, was married to Mrs. *Hammond*, Widow of Mr. *Hammond*, an eminent Dry-Salter, a Gentlewoman of 10,000 l.

Death. A few Days since died, at his House in *Well-Close-Square*, Capt. *John Cole*, Assistant to the Surveyor of the Warehouses belonging to the *Custom House*.

WEDNESDAY, *Nov.* 28.

We hear that the Dutchess Dowager of *Wharton*, Lady of the Palace to the Queen of *Spain*, is shortly expected in *England*, and will take up her Residence at the Count *de Montijo's* in *Ormond-street*. Her Grace's Business is said to be the soliciting certain Pretensions which she has to Part of the Estate of the late Duke, in Consideration of the Fortune she brought his Grace, to the Amount of 34000 Pistoles; half of which she can prove the Duke lost at Play in one Night, and the Remainder, it seems, serv'd him not much longer.

The vast Quantities of Wheat that have been already exported into Foreign Parts, which, according to the *Custom-House* Books, amount since the 24th of last *August* to above 75000 Quarters, have occasion'd a considerable Increase in the Price of that Commodity, Wheat being sold last Week at a Market within twenty Miles of *London*, at 4 s. *per* Bushel; and it is probable, it will still continue to advance in the Price, there being, as we are credibly inform'd, above 100 Vessels now in the River to be loaded with that Commodity.

Death. Yesterday died, at his House at *Hammersmith*, in the 94th Year of his Age, Capt. *John Waters*, who was in all the late Wars with his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, and had the Misfortune to lose one of his Legs by a Cannon-Ball.

Bankrupts. Francis Rudstone, late of *Newcastle upon Tyne*, Merchant and Alderman; and *John Reed*, late of the same Place, Merchant, and Partners.

THURSDAY, *Nov.* 29.

We hear that M. *Hop*, Minister of their High-Mightinesses the States-General at this Court, has communicated to his Majesty in Form the Treaty of Neutrality lately concluded with the King of *France*. 'Tis said that the same is not divided into Articles like other Treaties, but contains however three principal Heads or Items, as 1st, That the Low Countries shall be intirely safe from any Attack on the Part of *France*, and that all the Provinces or Places comprized under the Appellation of *Austrian Netherlands*, shall be deemed the Barrier of the Republick. 2dly, That the Republick on her Side shall remain Neuter, and shall not take Part with the Emperor on Account of the present Broils in Relation to *Poland*, nor with Regard to the Consequences of this War; but that their High-Mightinesses may be at Liberty to fulfil any Engagements they are under to his *Imperial* Majesty by Virtue of subsisting Treaties. 3dly, That in Case any Disturbances hereafter happen between the Emperor and his most *Christian* Majesty in Relation to the Low Countries, their High-Mightinesses shall use their best Offices to accommodate the Difference, and resettle the Tranquillity: Provided however, that in Case the *Imperialists* make any Excursions out of the Territories of the said Netherlands, and molest the Troops or Dominion of the King of *France*, then it is permitted, that the Troops of the said King may deal with those of the Emperor as they think best, in order to drive them back; but that the *French* notwithstanding shall by no Means take Possession of any Places within the said Netherlands, or make any Camp or Settlement therein.

In the late Assembly of the States of *Holland*, a Resolution had pass'd there with great Severity against the Prince of *Orange*, in Relation to the Delivery of the Domains left him by the late King *William*; but their High-Mightinesses the States-General of the United Provinces taking the same into Consideration, and first resolving it to be a Matter that concern'd them equally, after meeting specially on Saturday and Sunday Se'nnight last, and again on Wednesday, came to a Resolution on the last mention'd Day, that the Prince of *Orange* should be henceforward look'd upon of full Age, that their High-Mightinesses accordingly would resign up their Guardianship, and put him in ample Possession of the Estates coming to him, pursuant to the Partition made with the King of *Prussia*; that the absolute Government thereof should devolve immediately upon his Highness, and that the same should be signified to him in *England* with all Dispatch. The Provinces of *Utrecht*, *Friesland*, *Guelderland*, *Overyssel* and *Groningen*, distinguish'd themselves in the most zealous Manner during the Pursuit of this Affair.

His Highness the Prince of *Orange* is so well recover'd, that he took the Air Yesterday for a small Time in *Somerset-Gardens*.

On Thursday last 10 l. was sent from an unknown Hand to be distributed among the poor Debtors on the common Side of the *Poultry-Compter*, which Sum was equally divided among them.

A few Days ago the Wife of *Isaac Garnier*, Esq; Apothecary-General to the Army, was safely delivered of a Daughter, at his House in *Pall-Mall*.

Yesterday being the last Day of Term, several Persons who were bound over, appear'd on their Recognizances, when some were discharg'd and others continued.

The same Day *Brown* and *Whitlock*, who were lately concerned in robbing Col. *des Romaine* at *Paddington*, were removed by a *Habeas Corpus* to *Newgate* from the *New-Goal* in *Southwark*, in order to take their Trials at the ensuing Sessions at the *Old-Bailey*; and on Wednesday next *Mitchel* the Evidence against them will be likewise removed.

The House which the late Duke of *Leeds* resided in near *Hyde-Park-Corner*, is now making into an Hospital for sick and lame Persons, which, we hear, will be supported by the voluntary Subscriptions and Benefactions of several of the Nobility, Gentry, and others.

Robbery. On Tuesday in the Evening three Men came into the House of an antient Woman that keeps a Chandler's Shop in *Hyde-street*, *Bloomsbury*, and knocked her down, and robbed her of several Things, to the Value of 60 l.

Marriages. A few Days ago the Rev. Mr. *Vidal*, one of the Ushers of *Westminster-School*, was married to Miss *Studley*, of *Smith-street*, *Westminster*, a young Lady of 6000 l. Fortune.——Last Monday Major *Blind* of *Brompton*, was married to Miss *Cox*, Daughter of *James Cox*, of *Chelsea*, Esq;

Deaths. Yesterday died, at his House in *New Bond-street*, —— *Vanbretton*, Esq; formerly an eminent *Dutch* Merchant of this City.

FRIDAY, *Nov.* 30.

We hear from *Carmarthen*, that one who now goes by the Name of *James Mansell*, was committed last Week to that Jail, who ran away with a young Gentlewoman of 1000 l. Fortune, and married her; but before they were bedded, another Woman, who said he married her in *April* last at *Rost*, in *Herefordshire*, came in Pursuit of him, and had him taken up, alledging, that he married her by the Name of *James Mansell*, and that she brought him a good Fortune: Upon further Enquiry, he, by the Name of *James Clowines*, about *Christmas* last, married Mrs. *Lucy Greenaway*, near *Reading*. We hear that he went by the Name of *Gerrard Nugent*, and some Time by the Name of *Fitz-Joy*. He had a Companion, which he called a Sister of his, but supposed to be another Wife, who always assisted him in his Courtships; and 'tis expected several other Wives will appear to prosecute him.

The Royal Wedding is put off till the Month of *January* next.

We hear that among other Things it is stipulated in the Marriage Contract between the Princess Royal and the Prince of *Orange*, that her Royal Highness shall lie-in of all her Children in *England*.

John Turner, Esq; hath resigned his Place of Commissioner of the Stamp-Duties.

On Monday next the Sessions begins at *Hicks's-Hall*, on Tuesday at *Guild-Hall*, and on Wednesday at the *Old-Bailey*, and we hear there are upwards of 100 Prisoners to be try'd.

Yesterday Morning the Right Hon. the Lord *Harrington*, one of his Majesties Principal Secretaries of State, was sent with an Order from his Majesty under his Sign Manual, to the Right Hon. *Peter*, Lord *King* of *Ockham* in *Surrey*, Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, for the Great Seal of this Kingdom, which his Lordship, tho' very ill in his Bed, delivered to the Lord *Harrington*, and he carried it to St. *James's*, and delivered it into his Majesty's own Hand. At Noon the same Day there was a General Council held at St. *James's*, present his Majesty, the Prince of *Wales*, Lord *Harrington*, Secretary of State, Lord Viscount *Lonsdale*, Privy Seal, Lord *Scarborough*, Master of the Horse to his Majesty, Lord Viscount *Torrington*, Treasurer of the Navy, and Sir *Charles Wager*, First Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty; when his Majesty was pleased to appoint the Hon. *Charles Talbot*, Esq; Sollicitor-General, and Member of Parliament for the City of *Durham*, to be Lord High Chancellor of this Kingdom, and delivered the Seal accordingly into the Possession of the said *Charles Talbot*, Esq; upon which he was admitted to kiss his Majesty's Hand, and took the Oaths in Council appointed to be taken; after which he was admitted to kiss her Majesty's Hand at her Levee: and then went with the Great Seal to his House in *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields*.

We hear that the Right Hon. the Lord *King* is to have a Pension of 3000 l. *per Annum* for his Life; and his Lordship, in Case he had continued well till Yesterday, was to have resigned in Council.

Yesterday came on a Cause in the Court of *Exchequer*, *Westminster*, before the Lord Chief Baron *Reynolds*, wherein *John Edgell*, (one of the Inspectors of the Customs) on Behalf of the King, was Plaintiff, and *Tobias Jewers*, Captain of the *Chaudois* Sloop trading to *Rotterdam*, Defendant. The Action was brought against the Defendant for 100 l. Penalty for not making (as was alledg'd) a just and true Entry, or Report to the *Custom-House* of the several Goods that were on board the said Sloop in *April* last; but it being plainly proved to the Court, that several Goods in Cases, *&c.* were brought on board at *Rotterdam* by the Sailors, which belonged to them, without the Privity or Knowledge of the Captain, after a Trial which lasted about five Hours, the Jury gave a Verdict for the Defendant.

There are Letters in Town from *Jamaica* which mention, that a Party of Sailors being gone out in quest of the rebellious Negroes, had met a large Body of them, whom they engag'd; and that the latter standing their Ground, and defending themselves desperately, the former kill'd 40 of them on the Spot, with the Loss of 11 on their Side. The Negroes seeing so many of their Comrades fall, betook themselves to the Mountains, and were pursu'd by the Sailors, with a Resolution to attack them a second Time.

Yesterday Capt. *Ockham*, a brave antient and experienc'd Naval Officer, who was lately appointed to command the *Orford* Man of War of 70 Guns, resigned his Commission to the Lords of the Admiralty, desiring to be excused going abroad, on Account of his great Age. And their Lordships were pleased to comply therewith, and to appoint Capt. *Man*, Commander of his Majesty's Ship the *Sunderland*, to succeed him therein; and also to appoint Capt. *William Martin*, to succeed Capt. *Man* in the *Sunderland*.

Commitment. On Tuesday last Mr. *Hornby* of *Wandsworth*, was robbed in the Road leading to *Newington* in *Surrey*, by three Foot pads, who took from him upwards of 7 l. but being closely pursued, one of them, who is a Cow-keeper's Servant in *Kennington-Lane*, was taken in the Pursuit, and being carried before Justice *Kent*, was by him committed to the County Jail of *Surrey*.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

Milan, Nov. 20. N. S.

THE Succour of *Imperial* Troops design'd for this Country is arriv'd in the *Trentine*, on the South Part of the *Tyrol*. The King of *Sardinia* having had Notice thereof, has detach'd 3000 Men to join 6000 more already on their March for the *Veronese*, and these together are to hinder the *Imperialists* from crossing the *Venetian* Territories.

Turin, Nov. 8. When the Deputies of *Milan* the other Day presented the Keys of that City to the King of *Sardinia*, his Majesty answer'd, *Keep them till the* French *General comes, it belongs to him only to dispose of the Fate of Cities.*

Breslau, Nov. 17. Several rich Coaches belonging to *Augustus* III. King of *Poland*, arriv'd here last Saturday from *Dresden* with the Royal Baggage, which is extreamly magnificent, and proceeded for *Cracow*.

Amsterdam, Dec. 4. They write from *Dresden*, that the Coronation of King *Augustus* is fix'd for the 17th of *January* next. From *Milan*, that the Marshal *de Villars* is set out for *Venice*, in order to invite that Republick into the Views of the three Confederate Kings; and to offer her the Dutchy of *Mantua*, as an Augmentation of her Dominion. From the North, that 15000 *Muscovites* are advanced to the Borders of *Sweden*; that the *Poles* have defeated a Party of *Russian* Troops marching to *Polish Prussia*; and that the Distress of General *Wiesbach* in *Ukrania* is beyond Expression, on Account of the late Irruption, Success and growing Strength of the *Tartars*. We hear from *Germany*, that the *French* Minister appears again in Favour at the Court of *Prussia*; that the Elector of *Bavaria*'s Grand Chamberlain is gone *incognito* from *Manheim* to execute a Commission of great Importance on the other Side the *Rhine*; that the Academy of *Wirtemberg* in *Saxony* has conferr'd the Laurel on Madam *de Ziegleirn* for her profound Skill in the *Greek* and *Latin* Poetry; and the Emperor has also honour'd the same Lady with the Title of *Imperial* Poetress.

Hague, Dec. 4. They write from *Brussels*, that authentick Accounts have been receiv'd there, that the Electors of *Bavaria* and *Cologn* have declar'd openly for the Neutrality, and that several other Princes of the Empire are thought to have the same Inclination. The Elector *Palatine* complains terribly at the Diet of the Liberty the *Imperialists* have taken to possess themselves of his Capital; the Elector of *Mayence* has given plain Indication of his Intentions, by undertaking to distribute the *French* King's Declaration; and in short, such a Disposition appears in the rest, that the Emperor has thought it worth his while to employ every Method of gaining them, neither omitting Threats or fair Promises, as the one or the other is most likely to prevail.

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Woitt	17*s.*
N. Bank Cir	20*s*
IBon.	15*s* a 16
S.S.	1*s*
3*p. C. I. Bonds*	3*s.*

CHRISTNED

M.	173
F.	155
In all	328

DIED

Under		2	172
From	2 to	5	47
	5	10	15
	10	20	9
	20	30	32
	30	40	49
	40	50	48
	50	60	43
	60	70	23
	70	80	10
	80	90	9
Upwards		90	1

Old

Bu. M. 224. F. 234.

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